

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

IN RE: §  
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RONALD DEWAYNE WHITFIELD, § MIS. ACTION NO. 2:06-MC-75  
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Petitioner. §

**ORDER STRIKING PLEADING FROM THE RECORD FOR FAILURE TO  
OBTAIN PERMISSION TO FILE IT**

Final judgment was entered on September 27, 2006, denying Whitfield permission to file suit (D.E. 4). No appeal was filed. Almost nine years later, on May 27, 2015, Whitfield filed a motion for rehearing of the final judgment claiming, without citing any valid authority, that the judgment was void (D.E. 5).

Whitfield's history as an abusive and frequently sanctioned litigant barred from filing actions by the PLRA's three strikes provision, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g), is well documented in this court and other federal courts in PACER, the electronic filing database, and on the three strikes list maintained by the Clerk in the Eastern District of Texas, and will not be repeated here. In *Whitfield v. Cockrell*, No. 4:02cv4218, because Whitfield had not paid the sanctions imposed by other courts and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, United States District Judge Sim Lake barred Whitfield from filing *any* further pleadings in this *or any other civil action* unless he obtained advance written permission from a United States District or Magistrate Judge or Court of Appeals Judge

before filing any pleading. The Clerk was directed to return all future submissions to Whitfield in an envelope marked "FRIVOLOUS FILER, RETURN TO SENDER" (4:02CV4218 at D.E. 3).

A \$100 sanction was imposed by the Fifth Circuit in *In re Whitfield*, No. 97-00454 (5th Cir. Oct. 30, 1997), a \$750 sanction was imposed by the District Court in Houston in *Whitfield v. Johnson*, No. 4:94cv2767 (S.D. Tex. March 5, 2001), and a \$200 sanction was imposed by a Houston District Judge in *Whitfield v. Ott*, No. 4:00cv2367 (S.D. Tex. July 17, 2000), just to name a few. According to the Clerk, none of the sanctions has been paid.

The Fifth Circuit has held that a district court may enforce the sanction order of another district court. *Balawaider v. Scott*, 160 F.3d 1066, 1067-68 (5th Cir. 1999). Whitfield failed to seek or obtain permission to file his pleading and failed to pay the sanctions imposed. Accordingly, the Clerk shall *strike* Whitfield's pleading (D.E. 5) from the record, and it will not be considered.

ORDERED this 9th day of June, 2015.



B. JANICE ELLINGTON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE